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In re Application of: Larry McAllister et al.
Serial No.: 09/690,289 Examiner: John M. Hotaling, II
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AN ENHANCED GAMING
DEVICE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of September 21, 2004, and is timely filed with a three-month extension.

CURRENT STATUS

Claims 1-87 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 13-20, 22-23, 25-26, 34-44, 46-47, 55-62, 64-65, 67-68, 76-83, and 85 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Marchini et al. (GB Patent No. 2,251,112). Claims 3, 24, 45, 66, and 86 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Marchini et al., and further in view of Nolte et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,165,070). Claims 4, 12, 34-41, 46, 54, 67, and 75 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Marchini et al., and further in view of Bertram et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,796,389). Claims 21, 63, and 84 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Marchini et al., and further in view of Wiltshire et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,409,602). Claim 87 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Marchini et al., and further in view of Franchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,770,553).

Claims 1, 21, 22, 42, 43, 63, 64, and 84 have been amended. Claims 88 and 89 have been added. No claims have been deleted. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the

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rejected claims. Applicant respectfully contends that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.